Bio-fuel production

3645. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency proposes to encourage cultivation of Jatropha in KBK and other areas of Orissa to encourage bio-fuel production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to help the State both physically and financially, to execute this project in a big way, to tide over the power crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA) have taken several initiatives for cultivation of bio-fuels such as Jatropha and Pongamia in the KBK and other districts of the State. They include enumeration of oil seed bearing trees in all KBK districts to assess the available potential; plantation of saplings in certain districts; and, other promotional and awareness raising activities including organizing district and block level workshops, demonstration of bio-diesel production units, printing of brochures, booklets and manuals on bio-fuels etc.

(c) The State Government has announced "Policy Guidelines for raising of energy plantations and bio-diesel production" in August, 2007 to promote bio-fuel development in the State. OREDA is the nodal agency for implementation of the Policy Guidelines. Funds are available from the State Plan as well as Government of India for raising energy plantations and bio-diesel production in the State. Farmers groups, individual farmers, Panipanchayats, Cooperatives, self-help groups, and Van Suraksha Samitees are being encouraged to cultivate non-edible oil-seed bearing tree species on wasteland. The policy provides for allocation of wasteland, technical assistance and financial incentives for raising plantations and setting up of bio-diesel production centres.

Coverage of villages under Rural Electrification Scheme

†3646. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residential areas with a population of 100 and above only are being covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) if so, whether it would be possible to provide power to States like Chhattisgarh with a large number, (according to an estimate Chhattisgarh has 50 per cent) of 'Majra Tolies'; and

(c) whether Rural Electricity Corporation has been assiged the projects of eleven districts of Chhattisgarh and if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) All the habitations/Majras/tolas with population above 100, including those of Chhattisgarh, are eligible for electrification in 11th Plan under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana.

(c) All the 11 district based projects of Chhattisgarh have since been sanctioned under RGGVY as per details given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of Projects sanctioned in Chhattisgarh under RGGVY as on 10.04.2008

Name of State & District(s)	Date of receipt of project	Name of Implementing Agency	Whether habitations below 300 covered	Villages covered for household electrification under the project				Habitations covered for household electrification under the project			Total No. of households to be provided access to electricity (Incl BPL)	Total No. of connections proposed to be released to rural households (Incl. BPL HH)	No. of BPL HHs to be electrified under the project	Revised project cost due to enhanced BPL cost and agency charges (Rs. In lakhs)
				No. of unelectrified villages	No. of de-electrified villages	No. of electrified villages	Total No. of villages covered for household electrification	No. of un-electrified habitations to be electrified for household electrification	No. of electrified habitations covered for electrification	Total No. of habitations covered under the project				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
(A) Sanctioned during 10th plan														
Kawarda				96	15	845	956	455	308	763	57677	57677	34832	3707.54
Drug		NHPC		0	6	1770	1776	475	501	976	106242	106242	48129	6348.58
Champa Janjgir						889	889	143	1280	1423	121805	106166	39365	4748.77
SUB-TOTAL (A)				96	21	3504	3621	1073	2089	3162	285724	270085	122326	14894.89
(B) Sanctioned during 11th plan														
Bilaspur	28.01.2006	NTPC	Y	0	0	1565	1565	155	2620	2775	175315	156867	122355	6192.68
Dhamtari	06.08.2007	NHPC	ABOVE 100	5	0	578	583	321	89	410	39311	39311	11264	2466.48
Kanker	06.08.2007	NHPC	ABOVE 100	4	1	960	965	946	2869	3815	66288	66288	35323	5372.49
Mahasamund	06.08.2007	NHPC	ABOVE 100	0	0	1106	1106	657	213	870	37089	37089	11834	4300.75
Raigarh	20.02.2007	NTPC	Y	32	2	1397	1431	254	682	936	139108	124900	66542	6929.28
Raipur	06.08.2007	NHPC	ABOVE 100	16	3	2080	2099	1735	1187	2922	164728	164728	72427	8063.44
Rajnandgoan	06.08.2007	NHPC	ABOVE 100	0	0	1589	1589	202	355	557	55869	55869	20544	5146.49
Korba	10.11.05	NTPC		17	32	573	622	238	836	1074	101016	67462	26489	3603.39
SUB-TOTAL: (B)				74	38	9848	9960	4508	8851	13359	778724	712514	366778	42074.98
TOTAL: (A + B)				170	59	13352	13581	5581	10940	16521	1064448	982599	489104	56969.87